

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

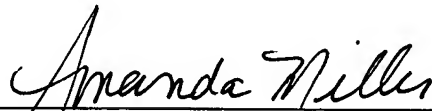
The Examiner has indicated that he believes Claims 1-9 (Invention I), 10-24 (Invention II), 25-32 (Invention III) and 33-35 (Invention IV) are drawn to distinct inventions and are therefore subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In view of the forgoing restriction, and in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the application, Applicants elect Invention II with traverse, corresponding to Claims 10-24. This election does not preclude Applicants from pursuing the unelected claims in future divisional or continuation applications.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement in that they believe that there would be significant overlap in searching both inventions and so there would be no undue hardship for the Examiner to examine at least Inventions I-III, if not Inventions I-IV.

SUMMARY

Pending Claims 10-24 as elected are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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